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September 21, 2005

#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Aster Adams, Chief Competitive Markets & Policy Division Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Docket No. 05-00248, Application of MCI for Approval of Merger and Transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of SouthernNet, Inc. to Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Co. - Response to Data Request No. 1

Dear Mr. Adams:

The following is the response of petitioner MCI, Inc. ("MCI"), to the Authority's Data Request No. 1, dated September 19, 2005.

1 Have the petitioners filed similar petitions or notices in other states? If so, provide a listing of states and actions taken.

RESPONSE: MCI has to date filed petitions and/or notices substantially similar to this application in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and West Virginia. The petitions were filed essentially simultaneously in all states. MCI has been notified by the Florida Public Service Commission that the merger and reassignment do not require Commission approval and will be handled as an administrative matter by Staff, which is in the process of being carried out. Otherwise, MCI has not been notified of any Commission or Staff action in the aforementioned states, other than ministerial action such as the assignment of a docket number.

2. Have the petitioners filed a similar petition with the FCC or other federal agency? If so, list any action taken and the associated file(s) or document number(s). If a schedule to complete the review of your petition has been established by any federal agency, provide such with your response

RESPONSE: No filing with the FCC or other federal agency has been made or is anticipated. This filing concerns matters which are the purview of the state commissions in which MCI and its subsidiaries do business.

3. Provide the number of customers that SouthernNet, Inc ("SouthernNet") currently has in Tennessee.

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RESPONSE: SouthernNet has eight pre-subscribed customers in Tennessee.

4. Will all SouthernNet customers in Tennessee be transferred to Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Co. ("Teleconnect")?

RESPONSE: Yes. Pre-subscribed customers will receive notice of the transfer by mail, using a form patterned after that attached to MCI's Application as Exhibit 3.

5. What telecommunication services will SouthernNet continue to provide under its current CCN in Tennessee after the transfer?

RESPONSE: SouthernNet will be merged into Teleconnect, and thus, will cease to provide services as a free-standing entity. The CCN belonging to SouthernNet will be transferred to another MCI subsidiary, Teleconnect, and Teleconnect will continue to provide all of the same telecommunications services formerly performed by SouthernNet, including the provision of resold telecommunications services and operator services, under the same d/b/a name, Telecom\*USA, that Teleconnect now shares with SouthernNet.

6. Verify all current CCNs issued by the Authority, and provide copies of all current business licenses of Teleconnect and SouthernNet filed with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office.

RESPONSE: SouthernNet holds a CCN to operate as a reseller issued by the Authority in Docket No. 95-03311, under which the Authority also authorized SouthernNet to do business under the names Teleconnect and Telecom\*USA. A copy of the business license issued to SouthernNet by the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office, I.D. Number 0133751, is attached. Teleconnect does not hold a Tennessee business license, but is qualified with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office to do business as a foreign corporation; a copy of that certificate of authority was attached to MCI's Application as Exhibit 4 and a second copy is attached here for convenience.

7. Confirm that petitioners will continue to operate under their present CCNs issued by the Authority and business licenses and filed with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office.

RESPONSE: MCI, through surviving subsidiary Teleconnect, will operate under the CCN transferred by the Authority from SouthernNet, to Teleconnect and under Teleconnect's certificate of authority issued by the Tennessee Secretary of State.

We are happy to provide any information or supporting material that the Authority may need to process this application. Thank you for your continued assistance with this matter.

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### Respectfully submitted,

MCI, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiaries SouthernNet, Inc. and Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Co

James L. Marphy Iff

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# Secretary of State Business Information Search

Secretary of State Web Site

Instructions

Name

I.D. Number

SOUTHERNNET, INC

0133751

**Business Type\***:

**CORPORATION** 

Profit/Nonprofit:

FOR PROFIT

Status\*:

**ACTIVE** 

Date of Formation/Qualification:

10/06/1983

Domestic/Foreign:

**FOREIGN** 

Place of Incorporation/Organization:

GΑ

**Duration:** 

PERPETUAL

FYC(Fiscal Year Closing) Month:

DECEMBER

**Principal Office:** 

Address Line 1:

22001 LOUDOUN CO PKW

Address Line 2:

City:

**ASBURN** 

State:

VA

Zip:

20147

Other than USA:

Registered Agent:

Name:

THE PRENTICE-HALL CORPORATION SYSTEM INC

Address Line 1:

2908 POSTON AVENUE

Address Line 2:

City:

**NASHVILLE** 

State:

TN

Zip:

37203

### **Business Filing History**

Note This information is current as of three working days prior to today's date

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**Secretary of State Division of Business Services** 312 Eighth Avenue North 6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower Nashville, Tennessee 37243

ISSUANCE DATE: 08/11/2005 REQUEST NUMBER: 05223527 TELEPHONE CONTACT: (615) 741-6488

CHARTER/QUALIFICATION DATE: 01/13/1988 STATUS: ACTIVE CORPORATE EXPIRATION DATE: PERPETUAL CONTROL NUMBER: 0199098 JURISDICTION: IOWA

8161 HWY 100 NASHVILLE, TN 37221 REQUESTED BY: CFS 8161 HWY 100 NASHVILLE, TN 37221

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

I, RILEY C DARNELL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT "TELECONNECT LONG DISTANCE SERVICES & SYSTEMS COMPANY",

A CORPORATION FORMED IN THE JURISDICTION SET FORTH ABOVE, IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:
THAT ALL FEES, TAXES, AND PENALTIES OWED TO THIS STATE WHICH AFFECT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CORPORATION HAVE BEEN PAID;
THAT THE MOST RECENT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED HAS BEEN FILED WITH THIS OFFICE; AND THAT AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL HAS NOT BEEN FILED.

FOR: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE

NASHVILLE, TN 37221-0000

ON DATE: 08/11/05

RECEIVED:

FEES \$200.00

\$0.00

TOTAL PAYMENT RECEIVED:

\$200.00

RECEIPT NUMBER: 00003786527 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00101230

8161 HIGHWAY 100

FROM:

RILEY C DARNELL SECRETARY OF STATE